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PRICE \$3 PER MONTH

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

July 2, VIGILANT, American ship, 1,723 Wm. H. Gould, Amoy 30th June, Kerosene Oil. RUSSELL & CO.

July 2, DIAMANTE, British steamer, 514, Taylor, Amoy 30th June General—RUSSELL & CO.

July 2, YUNGCHING, Chinese steamer, 761, R. Linson, Newchung 25th June, and Chefoo 26th. Bars and General—C. M. S. N. CO.

July 3, KWANG-LEI, Chinese steamer, 1,508, Lancaster, Shanghai 29th June, General—C. M. S. N. CO.

July 3, XANTHE, French steamer, 2,371, M. Flardin, Mansfield 2nd June, and Saigon 30th. Mails and General—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

July 3, SOOCHOW, British str., 327, Rowin, Pakic 29th June, and Hollow 2nd July. Rice—WILLER & CO.

July 3, THALES, British steamer, 829, Hobart, Taiwan 30th June, Amoy 1st July, and Swatow 2nd. General—DOUGLAS LAPLAINE & CO.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE
3RD JULY.

Johann, German str., for Hollow.
Galleys of Lorne, British str., for Yokohama.
Mavis, German str., for Haiphong.
Seochow, British str., for Haiphong.
Glaciers, British str., for Haiphong.

DEPARTURES.

July 3, PAPA, German bark, for London.
July 3, SAXON, German str., for Edoce.
July 3, PAMPION, German str., for Edoce.
July 3, AMIGO, German str., for Mantung.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Par KWANG-LEI, str., from Shanghai—82 Chi-
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Per Diamond, str., from Amoy—Meers, Arivu and Win, 3 Burmese, and 2 Chinese.

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THE COURSE OF BRITISH DIPLOMACY IN THE

EAST AT THE PRESENT MOMENT IS SCARCELY CALCULATED

TO REASURE THOSE OF HER MAJESTY'S SUBJECTS

POSSESSING LARGE COMMERCIAL INTERESTS

IN CHINA AND JAPAN. IT MAY BE THROWN

NO FAULT OF SIR JOHN WALSHAM, NO LACK

OF ENERGY ON HIS PART, THAT THE NEGOTIATIONS

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connected are inadequate. A prompt agreement is expected.

BERLIN, 14th June.
The labours of the Samoan Conference are over, and a treaty has been signed which grants full autonomy to Samoa under the joint control of Germany and America, whilst Great Britain will act as arbitrator in case of any divergence of views. The Samoans are to elect their own King and Vicere, with a Senate composed of the principal Chiefs and Chambors elected by the people.

THE SHIP "QUEEN OF NATIONS".
LONDON, 12th June.
The ship Queen of Nations, bound from New York, has put in at East London leary, and is discharging her cargo.

COOLIE IMMIGRANTS TO ASSAM.

LONDON, 15th June.
The Full Mail Gazette reports the report recently made by Mr. J. H. Thorne, the Government of India on the subject of the return of coolies to Assam, earnestly appeals to Lord Salisbury and Cross to stop the recruiting abuse which prevail in connection therewith.

THE INDIAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.
LONDON, 18th June.
In the House of Commons last night Mr. Bradlaugh moved a resolution disapproving of the report of the Public Service of India Commission in five respects, and the Government ought forthwith to redress the pledge given by the Secretary for India to appoint a select committee to inquire into the administration of India. After some discussion the House adopted a resolution to appoint a select committee.

THE HYDERABAD MINING CONCESSION.
BOMBAY, 18th June.
The Bombay Gazette and the Hyderabad correspondent says the Times' disclosure of the Hyderabad Decree Mining arrangement now exists invalids the final sanction and approval of the Secretary of State, who is still considering the question.

STEADING OF THE STEAMER "TEN" ON THE
BAEHEM.

HYDERABAD, 19th June.
The steamer Iver, Capt. Burgoyne, of the British Mercantile Steamship Company, from Kobe, Japan, Port Said, arrived yesterday morning disabled, having sprung a leak in the bow. There is a leak in the bow, and several men were in the hold. The pumps are running on full. The cargo is 30,000 bags of rice. There is great excitement at the wharf. Mr. Gibson has appointed agent, and the cargo is being landed. It will take a fortnight to clear her. The Naval Yard and H. M. S. Ganges may assist in patching her up and in enabling her to proceed to Bombay for repairs.

THE ROYAL ENGINEERS.
AHMEDABAD, 7th June.
The Government of India's despatch regarding continuations service in the Royal Engineers went home by the last mail.

THE NATIVE ARMY RESERVE.
AHMEDABAD, 7th June.
The question of the Native Army Reserve is again under consideration, with a view to increasing the numbers on the roster under the existing scheme.

AHMEDABAD, 11th June.
It is stated that the Secretary of State will accept the Government of India's despatch for utilising the arms of Native States for the defence of the northwest frontier.

THE REPEAL OF THE C. D. ACTS.
AHMEDABAD, 7th June.
The repeal of the C. D. Acts has been attended with such disastrous results among the troops in India that an urgent representation will probably be sent to the Home Government on the subject. The immediate effect of the repeal so far is the loss of the services of an entire brigade of the Indian army.

THE PRESIDENT ARMY QUESTION.
AHMEDABAD, 7th June.
The terms of the despatch on the presidency army question has been at last settled at home, the actual test being the refusal to legislate.

FIGHTING MORTALITY FROM CHOLERA IN
INDIA.

BENARASPORE, 5th June.
There were 1,450 cases from cholera in the district last week.

EXTRAORDINARY LETTER FROM THE
MAHARAJAH OF BENARAS.

SILK, 6th June.
The following anonymous telegram has been issued to the Press:—"The Maharajah of Cashmere has addressed an autograph letter to the Viceroy setting forth his grievances in full. He concludes thus:—'In case my liberty is not allowed me by the Supreme Government, and have to remain in present more or less condition, I would most willingly add your Excellency to summon me before you, and thus at once relieve an unfortunate prince from unavoidable misery, contempt, and disgrace for ever.'

TO THE DEAF.—A person cured of deafness and noise in the head of 23 years standing by a simple remedy, will send a description of it free to any person who applies to Nicholson, 21, Bedford Square, London, W.C., England. [184]

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd July, 1889.
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China Fortune..... \$210 210 per cent., buyers
China Sugar..... \$100 947. nov.
China Trade..... \$100 923
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PREMIA.

JAS. B. COUGHTREIE,
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Hongkong, 5th June, 1889. [168]

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EDWARD G. GEORGE,
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Hongkong, 17th April, 1889. [178]

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JULY 4TH, 1889.

THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM OF HONG KONG.

In his report on the proposed separate system of drainage Mr. Cooren, the Sanitary Surveyor, said that after studying the rainy fall and the character of the hills he was of opinion that during heavy storms the built area may contribute three inches and the hill sides above the city two inches of rainfall per hour over their respective areas. Experience, he adds, has proved that the existing drains of the town are of ample size and that they efficiently fulfil their purpose as surface water drains. Since the date of the presentation of this report the great rainstorm of May last has demonstrated that the capacity of the existing drains may be overstated. Considering the extraordinary amount of water which fell during the two days storm the fact that the breaches in the drains were so few speaks well for the efficiency of the system which has been followed in providing for the discharge of storm waters. The Albany Nullah, the overflow of which flooded the barracks and piled up a bank of mud in Queen's Road, is not a covered drain at all, but an open water course of large capacity. It is therefore not surprising that the covered drains should have been burst in various places; the wonder rather is that they stood the lashing of water so well. The rainstorm of May last was unparalleled in the history of the colony, and the chances are that it will not be again equalled. In the experience of the present generation, the circumstances therefore do not seem to call for any general rearrangement of the storm water drainage system, though the inconvenience caused will doubtless lead to improvements from time to time as opportunity offers. It will, however, be necessary, if the separate system be adopted, to provide great precautions against the entry of storm water into the pipe sewers. This point is dealt with by Mr. Cooren in his report, but its importance has been further accentuated by the late storm. "The separate system as designed," Mr. Cooren says, "contemplates the provision of overflows along the lines of the proposed intercepting sewers in order to relieve them in case it should be found impracticable for the present to exclude from them as much of the storm-water as I have specified. In many instances the rain from the backyards of private houses will be admitted into the proposed new sewers, but where backyards are continuous from one street to another such storm water can easily be diverted from the sewer by a continuous surface gutter from yard to yard, iron gratings being fixed in the communication holes at each partition wall. Some rain-falls from the backs of houses must, under any circumstances, be admitted into the proposed new pipe sewers, but the special method of carrying off of storm-waters from private premises is a detail that must be considered individually in each case." Of the advantages of the separate system we have already expressed our opinion, but it is obvious that great attention will have to be paid to the exclusion of storm-water from the pipe sewers, or there will be a constant danger of the breakdown of the system by the extensive bursting of the sewers. With a rainfall of three inches per hour the water will seek out every possible channel of escape, and will find its way into the pipe sewers in more than the estimated quantity unless effective measures be taken to keep it out. Not only must a rainfall of three inches in an hour be provided against, but a rainfall at that rate extending over a number of hours consecutively. The difficulties are not insuperable, we believe, but the lesson of the recent storm ought to receive due attention in connection with the proposed scheme of drainage.

OFFICIAL DEAD WEIGHTS ON CHINESE ENTERPRISE.

So far from official connection with any commercial or industrial enterprise in China having a fostering effect, such connection invariably acts as a dead weight soon producing atrophy. This fact has frequently been pointed out in this column, and it has been emphasized now and again by signal illustrations which have been forced on public notice. We note that in his report on the trade of Hankow for 1888, Mr. Consul ALEX. drives home this truth, and gives more than one instance of the comparative failure of Chinese undertakings owing to their connection with officials. Referring to the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, he says:—"This is a powerful organisation enough, with a large fleet of river and sea-going steamers, and it might be supposed that the China Merchants' Company was a most flourishing concern. No doubt it is, but its connection with the Government is felt by the trading class to be an essential bar to its ever becoming the lucrative association that an unhampered and free trading company could be, and its strip shows this." Mr. ALEX. gives another instance in which he considers official influence has had a strangulatory effect. During 1888 a Chinese Company was set on foot to develop the mining properties in the province of Yunnan. The prospectus—a most alluring document—was published in Hankow, and opened up a glowing vision of almost fabulous riches. The province produces "the five precious metals"—gold, silver, copper, iron, and tin, to say nothing of valuable green and white jade. It went on to say that an official of high rank would be placed in charge of the mining operations, and share-holders were promised a minimum dividend of 6 per cent per annum, with all bonuses and extra dividends that circumstances might permit. Two Japanese mining experts were sent to prospect the province. Yet still says Mr. ALEX., "the shares in the company are not easily taken up." The series of the Kweli-chou Iron Mining Company was also. Mr. ALEX. goes on to say that in this case investors were shy of coming forward, partly no doubt for the same reasons. There are vast mineral resources in China, but as foreigners will not be allowed to assist in opening them up, and as all native efforts will be supplemented by mandarins and their interference is doubtful whether any great success will attend such efforts, and the buried wealth of the Middle Kingdom will for the most part have to remain buried treasure. The outlook for progress in China is not a bright one, we consider. Speculative attempts may be inaugurated by some of the more energetic of the high officials like CHAN CUNHUNG to utilize some of the wealth lying beneath the soil, but as little success has yet attended such enterprises it would be surprising if any turned out permanently remunerative. If the Chi-

nese Government really wish to see a vigorous development of the mineral resources of the empire, let them adopt a liberal policy, granting licences to work the mines to private individuals or syndicates, taking only a moderate royalty on the produce, and in no way interfering with the miners. For the Chinese official to forego his squeezes would, however, it is to be feared, be as difficult an operation as for the Ethiopian to change his skin.

THE PRACTICE OF FOOTBINDING IN CHINA.

In another column we publish an interesting note on the origin of foot-binding in China from the Shanghai *Hupao*. From it it would appear that in the third year of the reign of the Emperor Kang-Hi, a gleam of common sense shot across the mind of that monarch or those of his Council, for an Imperial Edict was issued forbidding the practice of cramping or binding the feet under penalty of bamboo caning and banishment, and holding the tips and local officials responsible for seeing that the law obeyed in their district. Whether it was that fashion or custom was too strong for them, or that a reaction set in at Peking in favour of the so-called "golden slippers," the Edict was withdrawn four years later, and the people were left to follow their own inclination, which for more than two hundred years since has shown itself in the torture and gross deformity of the feet majority of the female children in the Central Kingdom. The amount of suffering, inconvenience, and loss for crippling a woman renders her partially helpless—caused by the repeat of that sensible Edict could not be estimated. If the young Emperor KWANG-PO wishes to become a benefactor to his species and specially to the weaker sex, here is a grand opportunity for wieldng the remaining power. Let there be no more torture of poor children. He has but to decree it, and the law will be long obeyed, just as the decree ordering that the queen should be worn throughout the Empire was ultimately universally submitted to. No doubt, in this case, it would be some years before the footbinding custom could be wholly abolished, but it would be in a generation, and there would then be millions of healthy women where there are now millions of sickly-looking cripples preying upon Chinese homes. The Emperor, however, we fear, the Emperor, secluded in his Palace, with no knowledge of the great world outside, a pampered creature of the court, would be unlikely to heed such a proposal with an adviser to show him a new and more decent way than that pursued by his ever degenerating predecessors, is not likely to initiate any reforms, even if we should incline to adopt them when submitted by his Ministers. As outsiders and foreigners we should perhaps have no right to do more than express an opinion on a fashion which for several hundred years has been, to speak, "held the fort" throughout the great empire of China. But seeing that this fashion involves the painful punishment and permanent disfigurement of poor helpless children, we are moved to more than mere expression of opinion; we are constrained by motives of common humanity to protest against it. Finally, it is not something of a scandal that in this British Colony the cry of the children should, year after year, go unheard by the Authorities? Some years ago "Bantau" drew attention to this matter in our columns and denounced it in the strongest terms, describing foot-binding as "torture which is wilfully inflicted and not the result of either illness or accident; torture, which as it seems to be the ordinary course of nature, is there is no alleviation, against which there is no protest permissible, which cannot be opposed by force or severity, which cripples the victim for life, and for whom no remedy is obtainable, and this here, in Hongkong."

LEPROSY IN CHINA.

A recent telegram announced that a powerful committee has been formed with the object of raising funds to raise subscriptions for the purpose of creating a memorial to the late Father DAMIEN, and that the movement will include a complete inquiry into the leprosy question in India. The noble self-sacrifice of the devoted priest who died at the other end of the world, civilized world, "mourning" is likely, therefore, to bear beneficial consequences reaching far beyond his direct contribution to the amelioration of the sad lot of the lepers of the Sandwich Islands. In his recently published inaugural address to the Hongkong Medical Society Dr. MAXWELL, directing attention to the large field that leprosy offers for investigation and the abundant material in the neighbourhood of the institution, The shares of the Company will be held up and the tenements are all let and the rents paid with regularity. I have nothing further to say except to remind you that at this meeting you are quite to appoint an auditor. If any shareholders would like to ask any question, I shall be very happy to answer it.

HON. C. P. CHATER.—There being no question, Mr. Kewill, I beg to propose Mr. FALCONER as auditor.

Mr. EXCUSED.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

comes to be understood that segregation of the infected was not only a protection to the public but a benefit to the victims themselves, who would receive the benefit of all that scientific attention could do to alleviate their suffering. In any case, the Government which put down the practice of cutting and the sacrifices to Juggernaut could hardly be deterred from the adoption of such a necessary sanitary measure by broad ignorant opposition. In China it is to be feared there is little chance in the present state of things of the Government taking any energetic steps to cope with the disease, but the example of India would probably not be altogether without its effect in exciting the attention of the Authorities in the neighbouring empire.

THE PROGRESS OF BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.

The British North Borneo returns of imports and exports for 1888 show that the territory is making steady though not phenomenal progress. The total value of the imports was \$1,261,997, being an increase of \$92,654 over 1887, but of this amount of \$700,000 of the total value of capital, namely account of the value of ships held by them and in general provisions.

MRI. JOSEPH succeeded.

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MRI. JOSEPH succeeded.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

After putting the resolution I shall be pleased to answer any question.

There being no questions the CHAIRMAN proposed the first resolution, which is as follows:

1.—That Article No. 14 of the present Articles of Association of the Company with its marginal note be amended, and that in lieu thereof, the following be inserted:

"The Company may subdivide shares."

2.—The Company may from time to time subdivide its shares.

MRI. ROSENDALE seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

THE CHIEF TENDERMAN then presented:

That the Capital be reduced from \$1,700,000 divided into 17,000 shares of \$100 each, to \$1,000,000 divided into 20,000 shares of \$50 each, and that such reduction be put into effect on the 22nd day of July, 1889, to be held in the 17,000 share that have been issued the sum of \$700,000, part of the paid up Capital, namely account of the value of ships held by them and in general provisions.

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THE HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

The fourth competition for the second monthly Handicap Challenge Cup took place on Friday, June 21st, and, in spite of the efforts of the officers to prolong its life, the competition was three times out of four competitions.

The first Challenge Cup had a much longer existence, the shooting for which continued for months.

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